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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS
AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES TO REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 17a-16a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2011*):

6 (c) (1) If it is determined that it is in a child's best interests to remain
7 in his or her school of origin, the department and the board of
8 education for such school of origin shall collaborate on a
9 transportation plan for such child from the town in which the child is
10 placed to such school of origin. The department shall be responsible
11 for any additional or extraordinary cost of such transportation beyond
12 that to which the child would otherwise have access. The department

13 shall maximize federal reimbursements under Title IV-E of the Social
14 Security Act, as amended, for costs of transporting Title IV-E eligible
15 children. The department and the board of education for the school of
16 origin shall consider cost-effective, reliable and safe transportation
17 options.

18 (2) If it is not in the best interests of the child to attend the school of
19 origin, the department shall work with the board of education for such
20 school of origin and the receiving school to ensure immediate and
21 appropriate enrollment and attendance of the child in the receiving
22 school in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-
23 76d and section 10-253. The educational records of the child shall be
24 provided by the school of origin to the receiving school, in accordance
25 with the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing
26 Adoptions Act of 2008, Public Law 110-351. Upon notification by the
27 department of a decision to change a child's school placement and
28 notwithstanding section 10-220h, the school of origin shall transmit to
29 the receiving school, not later than one business day after receipt of
30 such notification, all essential educational records for the child,
31 including, but not limited to, the child's individualized education plan
32 and behavioral intervention plan, if any, and all documents necessary
33 for the receiving school to determine appropriate class placement and
34 to provide educational services. The school of origin shall transfer
35 nonessential records to the receiving school in accordance with section
36 10-220h.

37 (3) Upon request of the local or regional board of education for a
38 receiving school, the department shall provide the name, date of birth
39 and school of origin for each child in the custody of the department
40 who has been placed in foster care and is attending a receiving school
41 located in the school district under the jurisdiction of such board."